

## Missionary

### WHAT ONE BIBLE DID.

Stanley tells this story of what one Bible accomplished: "In 1875 Miss Livingstone, the sister of David Livingstone, presented me a beautifully bound Bible. On a subsequent visit to Mtesa I read to him some chapters, and as I finished it flashed through my mind that Uganda was destined to be won for Christ. I was not permitted to carry that Bible away. Mtesa never forgot the wonderful words, nor the thrilling effect it had upon me; and just as I was turning away from his country to continue my explorations farther into the Dark Continent, a messenger came to me, after traveling 200 miles, crying out that Mtesa wanted that book; and he got it. Today the Christians in Uganda number many thousands; they have proved their faith at the stake and under torture unto death."—Missionary Helper.

### THE ISLES OF THE SEA.

Within the last 77 years 300 of the Islands of the Pacific have been evangelized. Many of them have become altogether Christian, with no professing heathen left. They have not only self-supporting churches, but are engaged in mission work among their heathen neighbors on other islands. Isaiah prophesied truly, "The isles shall wait for his law."

### MISSIONARIES AS LEADERS.

Primarily the missionary preaches and teaches, but he cannot represent a higher civilization and a better faith without leading in all else. His schools and colleges begin education. His printing press is first, and it has more than once begun, as in Turkey, a free press. His hospital and his dispensary introduce modern medicine. He opens strange tongues to learning, and his grammar and dictionary lead the way.

When trouble comes he is at the front of danger. He faces the riot, fights fire and risks his life for those about him. His house and school is the one refuge for those hunted by the mob. Two American teachers thirteen years ago in Aintab, Turkey, faced all that concourse alone to open their doors to fleeing Armenian women, and held back the Moslem mob by sheer moral force and personal presence. The Catholic missionaries at Peking led the defense of their cathedral, crowded with converts, against the Boxers. A Baptist missionary, with an engineer's training, planned and laid out under incessant fire the fortifications for the legations there and led the attack which seized the central point of defense.

At Adana, Tarsus and Mersina today the refugees from the Moslem massacre crowd the American mission houses.—Philadelphia Press.

The extraordinary change effected in China by the Boxer uprising in 1900 is illustrated by the latest report of the China Inland Mission. During the thirty years preceding the Boxer uprising, some thirteen thousand converts were baptized in the China Inland Missions. Within the seven years since 1900, the number has been fifteen thousand.

## Quiet Hour

### PRA YER.

Our Father in Heaven, Thou art crowning our lives with Thy kindness and mercy. Thy kindness to us is loving kindness and Thy mercy is tender mercy. And yet, like thoughtless and ungrateful children, we often receive Thy richest gifts as a matter of course, and our hearts are not lifted up in joyous thanksgiving. We remember the time of trial and forget the unnumbered blessings that have been showered upon us from Thy bountiful hand. Enable us to cultivate the grateful spirit; help us to see Thy loving hand in all the manifold experiences of life, and to see how all Thy loving kindness finds its highest expression in the gift of Thy Son. As we look into His face and see Thy great love to us, may it awaken a responsive love to Thee, and may our gratitude be manifested in lives of consecrated service. Amen.

The tourist who goes up the Matterhorn must not tell the guide the route or what implements it is safe to carry. If he is not willing to trust his guide he would better stay at the base of the mountain; for there will come many an emergency in which nothing but that guide's steady brain and stout arm will lie between him and certain destruction. My brother climbers, before us lies the rugged uphill of self-denial and of duty. At the summit are heaven's flashing glories. Can you grasp a stiff hold on the loving hand of your Guide and say even on the dizziest places, "I will trust"?—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler.

They know who works, not they who play.  
If rest is sweet.—J. A. Symonds.

It is better to be beaten in the stress of life than to be victorious, if the victory can only be won by unholy alliance. It is better to live in obscurity than to be lifted into public notice by methods repugnant to moral sense. It is better to be poor, and filled with the consolations of Christ, than to be rich and empty hearted. It is better to be loved by a child than to be flattered by those whose only purpose is to serve personal ends.—"Tinklewillian Ethics."

It is the story of all His delaying. Never is there in it any hint of indifference, any possibility of forgetting. If we will but take it rightly the hindrance is to secure that which we long for. It is only His staying to lift us up into a greater faith, that we may have a richer, greater, fuller blessing than we ever should have dared to ask.—Mark Guy Pearse.

The fortunate people—the truly fortunate—are not so much those who succeed in life as those who succeed in living.—Edward S. Martin.

The truly excellent character is made up of strictness towards oneself and mildness towards others.—Schiller.